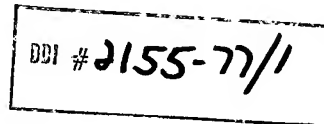
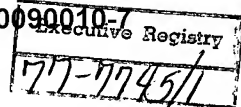


The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505



General Robert J. Dixon
Commander, USAF Tactical Air Command
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Dear General Dixon:

Thank you for the opportunity you recently gave several of our Warsaw Pact air analysts to learn what it takes to run an effective organization such as yours. Though the purpose of their visit was to improve their understanding of the Pact's air forces, you might be interested to know that the CIA folk were truly impressed with the caliber of the people you command and with the emphasis TAC is placing on readiness, innovation, and realistic training.

The agenda that Major Kim Gaines prepared for the CIA visitors, I am told, was first rate. The analysts say that it was eminently suited to bettering their appreciation of the various factors that would bear on the Pact's ability to put its air forces on a wartime footing and to conduct successful operations. I also understand that Colonel Hughes deserves credit for arranging a stimulating exchange of views with your intelligence people on the nature of the Pact air threat to NATO. I am encouraging our analysts to keep in touch and maintain a dialogue on this issue.

Again, my thanks to you as well as to your staff and the people in the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing for giving so generously of their time and sharing with us the benefit of their expertise.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. S. N. Graybeal
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Dear Mr. Graybeal

General Dixon asked me to answer your 22 April letter in which you suggested having eight of your analysts visit Langley. We welcome the opportunity to meet and work with them.

Our operations and logistics staffs will cover the topics you suggested, and we will be prepared to go into other areas of interest. Our threat analysts from Intelligence look forward to an exchange of ideas on Warsaw Pact air operations and the continuously building Pact warmaking capability.

Suggest 16 and 17 May as dates for the visit, with whatever additional time your staff might want for follow-on discussions. The TAC point of contact is Major Kimball M. Gaines, telephone number (804) 764-2053/2054, and he will be coordinating with Mr. Huck on the particulars.

Sincerely

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